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Subject:
Poverty Six Child (MA-PS)

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References: 42 CFR 435.601; ARM 37.82.101, .701

GENERAL RULE--Poverty Six Medicaid may be established for children age six through eighteen. Coverage may continue through the month of the child's nineteenth birthday.

The countable adjusted gross earned income (after allowable disregards are applied - see FMA 602-1) and gross unearned income must be at or below 100% of the federal poverty level.

NOTE: A child is **NOT** required to be living with a specified relative in order to receive coverage under the Poverty Six program.

► **EMANCIPATION** Marriage DOES NOT constitute emancipation for children eligible under Poverty Six. To be considered emancipated, the child must be emancipated by court action.

NONFINANCIAL CRITERIA Applicants for Poverty Six Child coverage must meet the following nonfinancial criteria:

1. Age;
2. Social Security Number (SS card is NOT required);
3. Residence;
4. Citizenship and/or alienage;

► In addition, the applicant/child's parent/caretaker must cooperate with:

1. Managed care (Passport provider);
2. Program Compliance; and
- 3. TPL, including
 - a. HIPPS
 - b. Trauma questionnaires
 - c. Providing information on available insurance and
 - d. Insurance questionnaires

NOTE: If the parent/caretaker fails to cooperate with TPL, the child's eligibility is not affected; the child's coverage must not be closed because their parent/caretaker fails to cooperate with TPL.

**REQUIRED
FILING UNIT
MEMBERS**

Certain family members must file for Medicaid as a unit. Not all filing unit members may receive assistance. The Medicaid filing unit must include the:

1. Child for whom application is being made;
2. Natural/adoptive parent(s);
3. Child's spouse; and
4. Stepparent (stepparent income is deemed - see FMA 603-1)

NOTE: If a required assistance unit member does not meet citizenship or qualified alien status, include in the filing unit but code 'DQ.' If the parent does not meet citizenship/alien status, they remain coded 'IP' as there is no requirement that the child's parents be citizens/qualified aliens.

**OPTIONAL
MEMBERS**

The family may choose to include minor siblings and step-siblings of the applicant child if those siblings also need medical coverage. Including siblings will increase the household size and allow for the higher income standards to be used. **Siblings/step-siblings of the applicant child are not required filing unit members.**

**EXCLUDED
HOUSEHOLD
MEMBERS**

If an individual is not included in the filing unit their income and resources are disregarded. If contributions are being made, count only the income that is actually contributed.

An individual who lives in the same household as the dependent child **must be excluded** if he or she is:

1. The child's sibling age nineteen (19) or older;
2. An SSI cash recipient; or
3. Not the child's parent.

**EVALUATE
INCOME AND
RESOURCES**

1. Compare the countable adjusted gross earned income (after applicable disregards - see FMA 602-1) and gross unearned income of all required filing unit members to 100% of the poverty standard.
2. Compare the countable resources to \$3,000.

If the countable income exceeds the income standards for the household size, there is no eligibility for Poverty Six Child. Check eligibility for medically needy coverage under either Ribicoff or Family Medicaid.

**CHILD RESIDING
WITH MINOR
PARENT(S) AND
GRANDPARENT(S)**

Use only the income and resources of the minor parent(s) plus any income or resources of the child. Consider income from the grandparent(s) only if actually contributed. Grandparents are not required filing unit members.

**SAMPLE FILING
UNITS**

1. A household consists of Marie, Sam and their children, Melissa and Matthew. They are not eligible for MA-FM because their countable income exceeds the standard. Melissa is 2 years old and Matthew is 9. First, test for Poverty Six coverage.

The MA-PS required filing unit members include:

- a. Matthew (Code 'IN');
- b. Marie (Code 'IP'); and
- c. Sam (Code 'IP')

Sam and Marie may choose to either exclude (code 'OU') or include (code 'IC') Melissa in the filing unit. Melissa is not a required filing unit member.

If adjusted income exceeds 100% of the poverty level, test for coverage as medically needy MA-FM. Use the standards for the appropriate filing unit size. Test for PC coverage for Melissa.

2. Household consists of Patricia, her 13-year-old son Keaton, her boyfriend Jack, his 5-year-old son Kyland and their 3-year-old daughter Kacy (child in common). They are requesting Medicaid for Keaton only.

Required MA-PS filing unit members include:

- a. Patricia (Code 'IP'); and
- b. Keaton (Code 'IN').

Jack, Kyland and Kacy are not required filing unit members.

MA-PC coverage should be opened for Kyland and Kacy, if Jack and/or Patricia request such coverage. The filing unit would then include all household members except Keaton. Jack and Patricia may choose to include Keaton (code 'IC'), but he is not a required member. Including Keaton would increase the household size and allow the higher income standard to be used.

3. Household consists of Barbara Beezlee and her neighbor Wanda's 6 and 9-year-old children, Cody and Pete. The children need medical coverage.

Required filing unit members include:

- a. Cody (code 'IN'); and
- b. Pete (code 'IN')

NOTE: If one child has income or resources that will make their sibling ineligible, that child can be coded 'OU' and their income and resource will be excluded.

Miss Beezlee is not a required filing unit member. Her income and resources are not considered to determine the children's eligibility. However, any contributions made to the children would be countable income.

4. Household consists of Bonnie, her 17 year-old daughter Thai and Thai's 18-month-old daughter, Ginger. Ginger needs Medicaid.

The required filing unit members include:

- a. Thai (code 'IP'); and
- b. Ginger (code 'IN')

As Bonnie is Ginger's grandmother, she is not a required filing unit member, and Ginger's eligibility must be determined based on only Thai and Ginger's income and resources.

5. A household consists of Carol and her 12-year-old twin daughters, Nikki and Drew. Both girls need medical coverage, but each receives monthly Social Security Survivor's benefits of \$730. Their combined income exceeds the maximum allowed for a household of three. It will be necessary to open two separate MA-PS cases (2 TEAMS case numbers) in order to correctly cover both children.

SEPA coding on case 1 would be:

- a. Carol (Code 'IP');
- b. Nikki (Code 'IN'); and
- c. Drew (Code 'OU').

SEPA coding on case 2 would be:

- a. Carol (Code 'IP');
- b. Nikki (Code 'OU'); and
- c. Drew (Code 'IN').

It is very important to explain in case notes why a 2nd case was opened to cover Drew, and to cross-reference the cases.

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